

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	Allen Carl. et al.	EXAMINER:	David C. Comstock
U.S.S.N.:	10/601,014	GROUP:	3733
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FOR:	SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)		

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**EXAMINING GROUP 3733  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2008, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a one (1) month extension of time to June 7, 2008, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.